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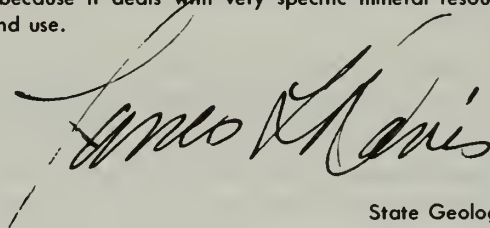


## FOREWORD

by James F. Davis

This report, "Classification of Sand and Gravel Resource Areas – San Fernando Valley Production–Consumption Region," is the first analysis by the California Division of Mines and Geology (CDMG) to be provided to the State Mining and Geology Board and to the local governments which regulate land use in this region. The report has been developed under the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975, which was enacted by the legislature to assure adequate mined land reclamation and mineral resource conservation under the auspices of the Mining and Geology Board and CDMG.

The Mining and Geology Board enacted Guidelines in June 1978 to be employed by CDMG in its mineral resource classification. This report embodies the intent of those directives. The undertaking is of signal importance in economic geology, because it deals with very specific mineral resource conservation issues in an area of intensive land use.

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State Geologist

## PREFACE

The Los Angeles metropolitan area, with a population of nearly 10 million people, is the largest urbanized area in California. This region includes the southern part of Los Angeles County and parts of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties. Although substantial parts of the Los Angeles area have been developed, wide-spread urbanization is still occurring at a rapid rate.

In any metropolitan or rural region undergoing urban development, it is of paramount importance that adequate supplies of mineral commodities be readily available. Minerals used in construction, particularly sand, gravel, or stone used in concrete, must be available in large quantities at reasonable costs. For many years, the Los Angeles area has been fortunate because adequate quantities of low-cost aggregate materials, chiefly sand and gravel, have been available locally. However, as more and more areas become urbanized, available sand and gravel deposits suitable as sources of low-cost aggregate are increasingly threatened with loss through urban development in addition to exhaustion by mining.

The principal objective of this project is to classify land in the Los Angeles area into Mineral Resource Zones based on guidelines adapted by the California State Mining and Geology Board. This classification project will assist the State Mining and Geology Board, as mandated by the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975, in designating lands that are most needed for their mineral content. This designation process, in turn, has been designed to assist and guide local lead agencies in preserving these essential mineral resources for future use through proper zoning ordinances.

Information will be submitted to the State Mining and Geology Board in a series of parts covering six Production-Consumption regions that have been identified in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. Part I is an introductory section describing the background, purpose, and scope of the overall project. Part II presents the classification of sand and gravel resource areas in the San Fernando Valley Production-Consumption region. Information in Part II includes maps showing the locations of significant sand and gravel deposits of the San Fernando Valley Production-Consumption region, as well as tables, charts and discussions, that present data on population, production, aggregate consumption, future requirements, and estimates of aggregate resources. Subsequent parts of this project will classify remaining Production-Consumption regions of the Los Angeles area.

It is suggested that the reader also refer to California Division of Mines and Geology Open-file Report 77-1LA, Aggregates in the Greater Los Angeles Area (Evans and others: CDMG Special Report 139 [in press]). This report describes and evaluates the significance, uses, prices, marketing, transportation, supply, and other factors that relate to the aggregate industry of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area.



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Glossary of Terms  
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GLOSSARY OF GEOLOGY

- aggregate*: Any of several hard, inert, construction materials (such as sand, gravel, shells, slag, crushed stone, or other mineral material), or combinations thereof, used for mixing in specified size distributions with a cementing or bituminous material to form such products as concrete, asphaltic concrete, mortar, and plaster.
- alluvial fan*: A low, outspread, relatively flat to gently sloping deposit of sand and gravel, and shaped in aerial view like an open fan or a segment of a cone, normally deposited by a stream with its apex at the place where the stream issues from a narrow mountain valley upon a plain or broad valley.
- alluvial terrace*: A stream terrace composed of unconsolidated alluvium (including gravel), produced by renewed downcutting of the flood plain by a rejuvenated stream.
- alluviation*: The process of deposition or formation of alluvium or alluvial features at places where stream velocity is decreased or streamflow is checked.
- alluvium*: A general term for clay, silt, sand, gravel or similar unconsolidated detrital material deposited during comparatively recent geologic time by a stream or other body of running water as a sorted or semisorted sediment.
- asphaltic concrete*: Mixed asphalt (binder) and crushed stone, gravel, and sand used for paving and roofing.
- base level*: The lowest level toward which erosion of a region of the Earth's surface constantly progresses but seldom, if ever, reaches; especially the level below which a stream cannot erode its bed. The general, or ultimate base level for the land surface is sea level, but temporary base levels may exist regionally.
- base material*: Specified material (coarse gravel, crushed stone) used in the construction of the base course, a bottom layer designed for one or more functions such as distributing load, providing drainage, and minimizing frost action.
- basement rock*: An assemblage of undifferentiated rocks that underlies the younger, sedimentary deposits in the area. The basement rocks are igneous and metamorphic in origin.
- basin*: A depressed area in which sediments accumulate.
- bedrock*: A general term for the rock, usually solid, that underlies soil or other unconsolidated material.
- Cenozoic*: An era of geologic time, from the end of the Mesozoic to the present. Considered to have begun about 70 million years ago.
- coalescing alluvial fans*: A series of alluvial fans forming a broad, continuous, gently inclined surface extending along and from the base of a mountain range out into and around an inland basin.
- consolidation*: Any process whereby loosely arranged, soft, or liquid earth materials become firm and coherent rock.
- construction materials*: Natural and manufactured industrial mineral and rock materials used by the construction industry. These materials include: aggregates (crushed stone, sand and gravel, lightweight aggregate, and slag), cement and cement raw materials, dimension and cut stone, granules, gypsum and anhydrite, and insulating materials.
- crystalline rock*: An igneous or metamorphic rock consisting wholly of interlocking crystals. Igneous rocks develop through cooling from a molten state. Metamorphic rocks have undergone recrystallization as a result of temperature and pressure changes.
- deposit*: Material of any type or from any source that has accumulated by some natural process or agent, either in the form of consolidated or unconsolidated material.

## GLOSSARY OF GEOLOGY ( continued )

- detrital*: Pertaining to or formed from detritus, which is loose rock and mineral material (gravel, sand, silt, and clay) that is worn off or removed from older rocks and moved from its place of origin.
- deuteric*: A water-associated alteration process that occurs during the late stages of crystallization of an igneous rock. Certain minerals composing the rock may react or be transformed into different minerals.
- distal*: Formed farthest from the source ore.
- gabbro*: A dense, dark crystalline igneous rock – the intrusive equivalent of basalt.
- granitic gneiss*: A metamorphic rock that has a mineral composition similar to granite.
- "hardpan"*: A term used loosely to designate any relatively hard layer that is difficult to excavate or drill.
- indurated*: Term applied to a deposit that has been hardened by the action of pressure, cementation, and heat.
- intrusion*: The process of emplacement of molten rock in pre-existing rock.
- lens*: A geologic deposit bounded by converging surfaces (at least one of which is curved), thick in the middle and thinning out toward the edges, resembling a convex lens.
- massive unit*: Sedimentary rock that occurs in very thick, homogeneous beds; sedimentary rock that is obscurely bedded or seems to be without internal structure.
- Mesozoic*: An era of time, from the end of the Paleozoic to the beginning of the Cenozoic (about 280 million years ago to 70 million years ago).
- Paleozoic*: An era of geologic time, from the end of the Precambrian to the beginning of the Mesozoic (about 600 million years ago to 280 million years ago).
- petrographic analysis*: Description and systematic classification of rocks by means of microscopic examination of thin sections of rocks.
- Precambrian*: All geologic time before the beginning of the Paleozoic.
- Quaternary*: The second period of the Cenozoic era (following the Tertiary), thought to cover last two or three million years.
- rejuvenated*: A stream stimulated to renewed erosive activity, as by uplift or by a drop of sea level; stream that has reverted to the activities and forms of a more youthful stage.
- source area*: The ore from which the constituent materials of a sedimentary rock are derived.
- tectonism*: General term for all movement of the crust produced by Earth forces, including the formation of ocean basins, continents, plateaus, and mountain ranges.
- terrace*: A relatively level or gently inclined surface, generally less broad than a plain, that commonly occurs along the margin and above the level of a body of water, marking a former water level.
- terrane*: Term applied to a rock or group of rocks and to the ore in which it outcrops.
- Tertiary*: The first period of the Cenozoic era, thought to have covered the time span between 65 and three to two million years ago.
- wash*: A broad, shallow, gravelly or stony, normally dry bed of an intermittent stream.
- youthful*: First stage in the development of a stream, characterized by active and rapid downcutting, forming a deep, narrow, steep-walled, V-shaped valley with a steep and irregular gradient.
- zeolite*: A large group of white or colorless minerals that commonly occur as secondary minerals filling cavities and coating cracks in basaltic lavas and other rocks.
- zeolitization*: Introduction of, or replacement by, a mineral (or minerals) of the zeolite group.



PART I

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## PART I

# DESCRIPTION OF THE MINERAL LAND CLASSIFICATION PROJECT OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA

## BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Urban expansion has been a major contributing factor to the significant mineral resources in past years. This has happened because land-use planning decisions have been made without any knowledge about the underlying deposits and the importance they hold in supplying the needs of the community. In response to the problem of conflicting land use and the essential need for mineral extraction, the California Legislature enacted the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) of 1975 (Appendix A-1). SMARA requires the State Geologist to determine, according to the presence or absence of significant mineral deposits, certain areas of the State subject to urban expansion, other irreversible land uses incompatible with mining, and urbanizing areas identified by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Mining and Geology Board.

The State Mining and Geology Board, upon receipt of the classification information from the State Geologist, consults with the appropriate lead agencies and other interested parties. Following this consultation, the State Mining and Geology Board designates identified mineral deposits in classified areas as of statewide or regional significance.<sup>2</sup> The objective of the classification and designation process is to assist local government in preserving for the future essential mineral resources that otherwise would be unavailable when needed.

On January 13, 1978, the State Mining and Geology Board adopted Resolution No. 22, *Priorities for Mineral Lands Classification* (revised November 2, 1978), which scheduled the order of work for the State Geologist to classify different areas within the State (Appendix A-2). The priorities for classification were determined by the Board in response to OPR-identified urbanizing areas, by events that created conditions threatening availability of significant mineral resources, or by areas that may be accepted by the Board.

The *Guidelines for Classification and Designation of Mineral Resources* were adopted by the State Mining and Geology Board on October 30, 1978 (Appendix A-3). The purpose of these guidelines is to provide direction to the State Geologist in carrying out the classification of mineral land, and to establish procedures for the classification process. Section I.1a of the guidelines requires that the State Geologist classify specified areas into *Mineral Resource Zones* (MRZ) or *Scientific Resource Zones* (SZ) as defined in Section I.2 of the guidelines (Appendix A-3). In addition, Section I.3 of the guidelines requires that mineral land classification

Classification is the process of identification of lands containing significant mineral deposits.

Designation is the formal recognition by the State Mining and Geology Board, after consultation with lead agencies and other interested parties, of areas containing mineral deposits of regional or statewide significance that should be protected from land uses incompatible with mineral extraction.

reports presenting areas classified as containing significant deposits used as construction material (sand, gravel, and crushed stone) include information about (1) the location and estimated total quantity of construction material that is geologically available for mining, (2) limits of the market (consumption) region which the potentially producible commodity would serve, and (3) an estimate of the total quantity of material that will be needed to supply the requirements of the county and consumption region for the next 50 years. This information will assist the State Mining and Geology Board in determining the significance of these types of deposits, which are usually referred to as common minerals.

The Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area was initiated in October 1978 by the State Geologist. The project area includes metropolitan portions of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties (Figure 1.1). Sand, gravel, and crushed aggregate resources of the area are selected for initial consideration in the classification project. Other mineral resources will be considered collectively following the initial classification.

In keeping with the concept of statewide or regional significance of a particular mineral deposit, each major sand and gravel deposit in the Los Angeles area will be evaluated separately. Hence, the overall Los Angeles area project was divided into separate regions on the basis of existing aggregate production and consumption patterns. Six Production-Consumption region (P-C region) studies will be completed according to priorities and time schedules established by the State Geologist. Results for each P-C region will be submitted to the State Mining and Geology Board as they are completed. According to a five-year plan submitted to the legislature, the delivery date for the classification for all mineral resource commodities in the Los Angeles area is June 1983.

In order to fully evaluate the aggregate supply and demand of each P-C region, the adjacent P-C regions must also be considered. Consequently, some work will be done concurrently for all P-C regions.

## REFINING PROJECT BOUNDARIES

Maps supplied by the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) served to identify urbanized and urbanizing areas within the greater Los Angeles area (Plate 1.1). Because these maps were produced several years ago, their boundaries had to be modified to reflect current conditions. This was accomplished by contacting local lead agencies and by studying recent aerial photographs to determine where urbanization had occurred since the OPR maps were issued. Modified boundaries are shown on quadrangle maps that accompany each P-C region study.

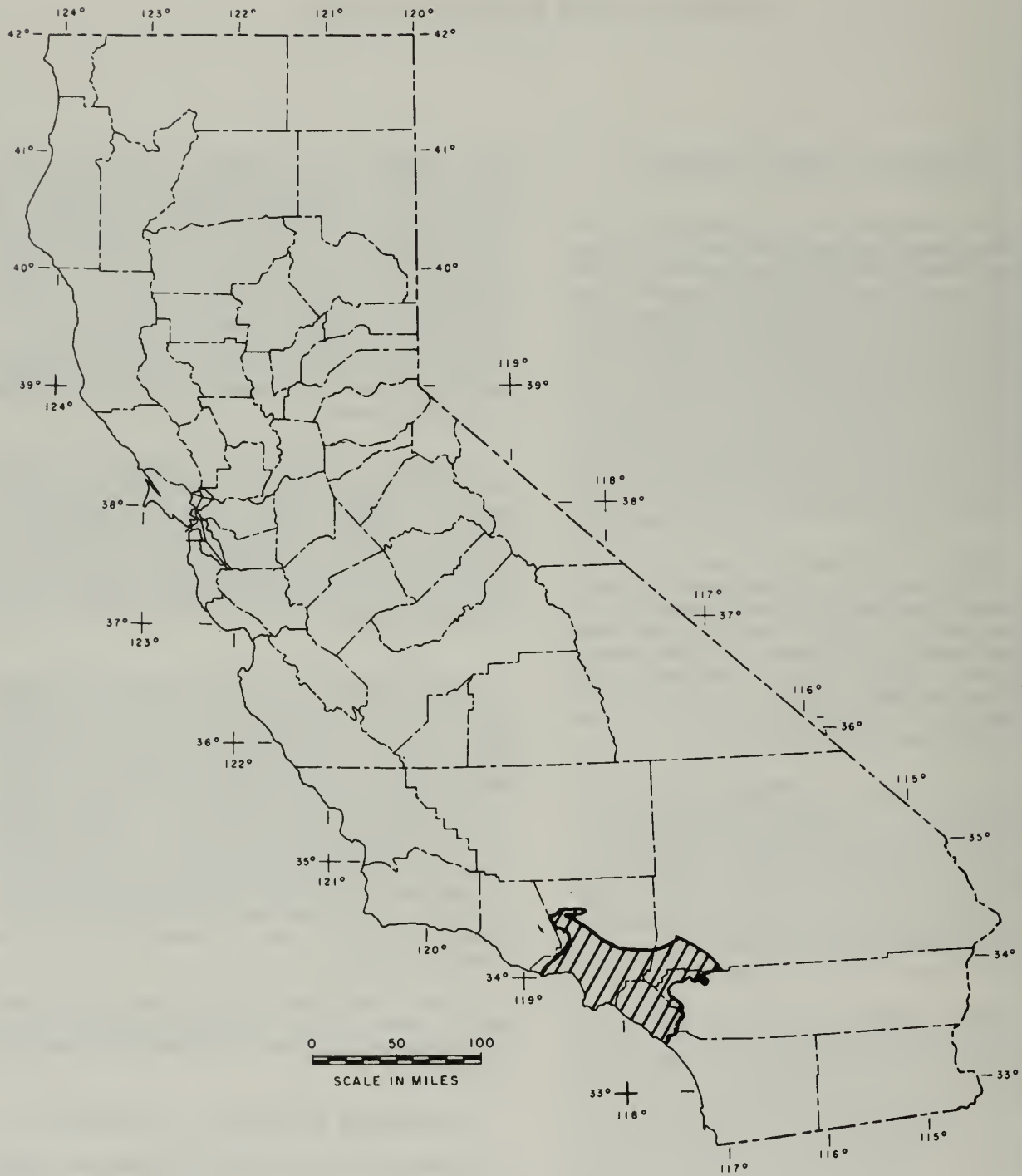


FIGURE 1.1 Project boundaries: Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area.

TERMINATION OF PRODUCTION-  
CONSUMPTION REGIONS

Marketing Regions

order to study supply-demand relationships of a mineral commodity, it is necessary to know where the commodity is produced and where it is consumed. Some mineral commodities, such as the borate deposits of Death Valley, have a worldwide significance in the area and, therefore, have worldwide significance. Other, low value bulk commodities, such as sand and gravel, are marketed more locally, thus requiring their significance to be determined on a regional level.

Large metropolitan areas usually obtain sand and gravel for production purposes from several local sources. The greater Los Angeles metropolitan area obtains its aggregate needs from 50 aggregate plants clustered in six major sand and gravel production districts (Figure 1.2). The plants operate within the production boundaries of 17 lead agencies (13 city governments and four county governments; Table 1.1). Since the producers within a major production district generally share a common market, the collective group, rather than the individual producer, is used as the basic aggregate-producing unit in this study. On the same basis, the greater Los Angeles area was divided into six aggregate "Production-Consumption" (P-C) regions.

Transportation Rates

Generalized P-C region boundaries were based upon a comparative analysis of the haulage costs for the different production districts in the area. These costs generally follow minimum transportation rates that are reported and periodically updated by the State of California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in a series of publications called Minimum Rate Tariffs (MRT). One of these publications, MRT 17A (PUC, 1972), fixes minimum transportation rates for the delivery of aggregate products to independent trucking firms in southern California. Although PUC minimum rates do not apply to aggregate producers who transport their own product, the producers use the PUC minimum rates as guidelines for haulage rates. The schedule of rates contained in MRT 17A is based on both the mileage and weight involved for delivery. MRT 17A is accompanied by a series of maps that divide the Los Angeles area into relatively small product delivery zones keyed to the MRT listing by code number.

The minimum transportation rates set by MRT 17A and the appropriate *Rock Products Delivery Zones* maps were used in the present study to aid in the determination of general P-C region boundaries. First, the minimum transportation rates for production localities were plotted on the delivery zones maps. Then P-C region boundaries were drawn along the rock product delivery zones according to which production district could deliver aggregate at the least fixed minimum rate.

Adjustment of P-C Region Boundaries

The boundaries established by the above method are highly generalized, and many parts of the P-C region are served from multiple production localities. Furthermore, companies can, and

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Alhambra	Hawaiian Gardens	Paramount
Arcadia	Hawthorne	*Pasadena
Artesia	Hermosa Beach	Pico Rivera
*Azusa	Hidden Hills	Pamona
Baldwin Park	Hallydale	Rancho Palms Verdes
Bell	Huntington Park	Redondo Beach
Bellflower	Industry	Rolling Hills
Bell Gardens	Inglewood	*Rolling Hills Estates
Beverly Hills	*Irwindale	Rosemead
Bradbury	La Canada Flintridge	San Dimas
Burbank	Lakewood	San Fernando
Carsan	La Mirada	San Gabriel
Cerritos	La Puente	San Marina
Claremont	La Verne	Santa Fe Springs
Commerce	Lawndale	Santa Monica
Campton	Lamita	Sierra Madre
Covina	Lang Beach	Signal Hill
Cudahy	*Las Angeles	Southgate
Culver City	Lynwood	South Pasadena
Dawney	Manhattan Beach	Temple City
Duarte	Maywood	Torrance
*El Mante	Manravia	Vernon
El Segunda	Mantebella	West Covina
Gardena	Manterey Park	Whittier
Glendale	Narwalk	
Glendora	Palms Verdes Estates	

ORANGE COUNTY

Anaheim	Huntington Beach	San Clemente
Brea	Laguna Beach	*San Juan Capistrano
Buena Park	La Habra	Santa Ana
Costa Mesa	La Palma	Seal Beach
Cypress	Las Alamos	Stanton
Fountain Valley	Newport Beach	Tustin
Fullerton	*Orange	Villa Park
Garden Grove	Placentia	Westminster

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Corona	Narco	Riverside
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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Alta Loma	Fontana	Rancho Cucamonga
China	Loma Linda	*Redlands
*Caltan	Mantclair	Rialto
Etiwanda	Ontario	*San Bernardino
		*Upland

TABLE 1.1 List of lead agencies (county and incorporated city governments) located within or adjacent to the project boundaries of the Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area. (Cities that have active aggregate operations within their jurisdictional boundaries are denoted by asterisks.)



large higher transportation rates than the minimum rates PUC. Varying transportation charges, as well as other such as low bidding, plant capacity and hauling capabilities could significantly alter the above P-C region boundaries.

In order to take these factors into consideration and to test the methodology, recent-year delivery records of cooperating firms were examined on a confidential basis. For the most company records verified that the bulk of production dis-tribute deliveries fell within the calculated P-C region boundaries. However, some modifications had to be made along portions of the boundary lines. For example, modification of one segment of a P-C region boundary was made because one production district proved to be higher within an- other P-C region. Subsequent investigation showed that a batch plant belonging to the adjacent production district within the area of the other, thereby lowering costs. In other case, aggregate sales from a relatively large production district completely dominated the area surrounding a smaller production district. The reason was found to be that the smaller production district was deficient in coarse material and was, therefore, unable to supply the demand. Consequently, the smaller production district was incorporated into the P-C region larger district.

The P-C regions established for the present study are shown on Plate 1.2. An index map showing relationships of P-C boundary lines to the 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps covering this project is presented in Figure 1.3. A list of the quadrangles is presented in Table 1.2.

## MINERAL RESOURCE ZONE CATEGORIES

Mineral Resource Zones (MRZ-1, MRZ-2, MRZ-3, MRZ-4) and Scientific Zones (SZ) that appear on quadrangles that accompany each P-C region report are determined on the basis of criteria set forth in the *Guidelines for Classification and Designation of Mineral Lands* (Appendix A-3).

The guidelines for establishing the Mineral Resource Zones are set forth below:

**MRZ-1** Areas where adequate information indicates that no significant mineral deposits are present, or where it is judged that little likelihood exists for their presence. This zone shall be applied where well developed lines of reasoning, based upon economic geologic principles and adequate data, demonstrate that the likelihood for occurrence of significant mineral deposits is nil or slight.

**MRZ-2** Areas where adequate information indicates that significant mineral deposits are present or where it is judged that a high likelihood for their presence exists. This zone shall be applied to known mineral deposits or where well developed lines of reasoning, based upon economic-geologic principles and adequate data, demonstrate that the likelihood for occurrence of significant mineral deposits is high.

**MRZ-3** Areas containing mineral deposits the significance of which cannot be evaluated from available data.

1. Val Verde	35. Yucaipa
2. Newhall	36. Venice
3. Mint Canyon	37. Inglewood
4. Agua Dulce	38. South Gate
5. Oat Mtn.	39. Whittier
6. San Fernando	40. La Habra
7. Sunland	41. Yuba Linda
8. Candar Peak	42. Prada Dam
9. Calabasas	43. Carana North
10. Canoga Park	44. Riverside West
11. Van Nuys	45. Riverside East
12. Burbank	46. Sunnymead
13. Pasadena	47. Redondo Beach
14. Mt. Wilson	48. Tarrance
15. Azusa	49. Lang Beach
16. Glendora	50. Las Alamitas
17. Mt. Baldy	51. Anaheim
18. Cucumunga Peak	52. Orange
19. Devare	53. Black Star Canyon
20. San Bernardino	54. Carana South
21. Harrison Mtn.	55. Lake Mathews
22. Malibu Beach	56. San Pedro
23. Tapanga	57. Seal Beach
24. Beverly Hills	58. Newport Beach
25. Hollywood	59. Tustin
26. Los Angeles	60. El Tara
27. El Mante	61. Santiago Peak
28. Baldwin Park	62. Alberhill
29. San Dimas	63. Elsinore
30. Ontario	64. Laguna Beach
31. Guasti	65. San Juan Capistrano
32. Fantana	66. Canada Gabemadara
33. San Bernardino	67. Dana Point
34. Redlands	68. San Clemente

TABLE 1.2 List of U.S. Geological Survey 7 1/2 minute quadrangles included in the Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area. Quadrangles show existing urbanized areas, urbanizing areas, and Mineral Resource Zones (MRZ). Quadrangles are indexed on Figure 1.3 by the above number list.

- (d) MRZ-4 Areas where available information is inadequate for assignment to any other MRZ zone.
- (e) SZ Areas containing unique or rare occurrence of rocks, minerals or fossils that are of outstanding scientific significance shall be classified in this zone.

## 50-YEAR FORECASTS

### Basis of 50-Year Forecasts

An estimate of the total quantity of sand and gravel required to supply the needs of each P-C region for the next 50 years will be presented in this series of reports in accordance with the requirements set forth in the *Guidelines for Classification and Designation of Mineral Lands* (Appendix A-3, Section I.3.c.2).

**EXPLANATION**

**PRODUCTION CONSUMPTION REGIONS**

- ① San Fernando Valley
- ② San Gabriel Valley
- ③ Orange County - Temescal Valley
- ④ Saugus - Newhall
- ⑤ Claremont-Upland
- ⑥ San Bernardino

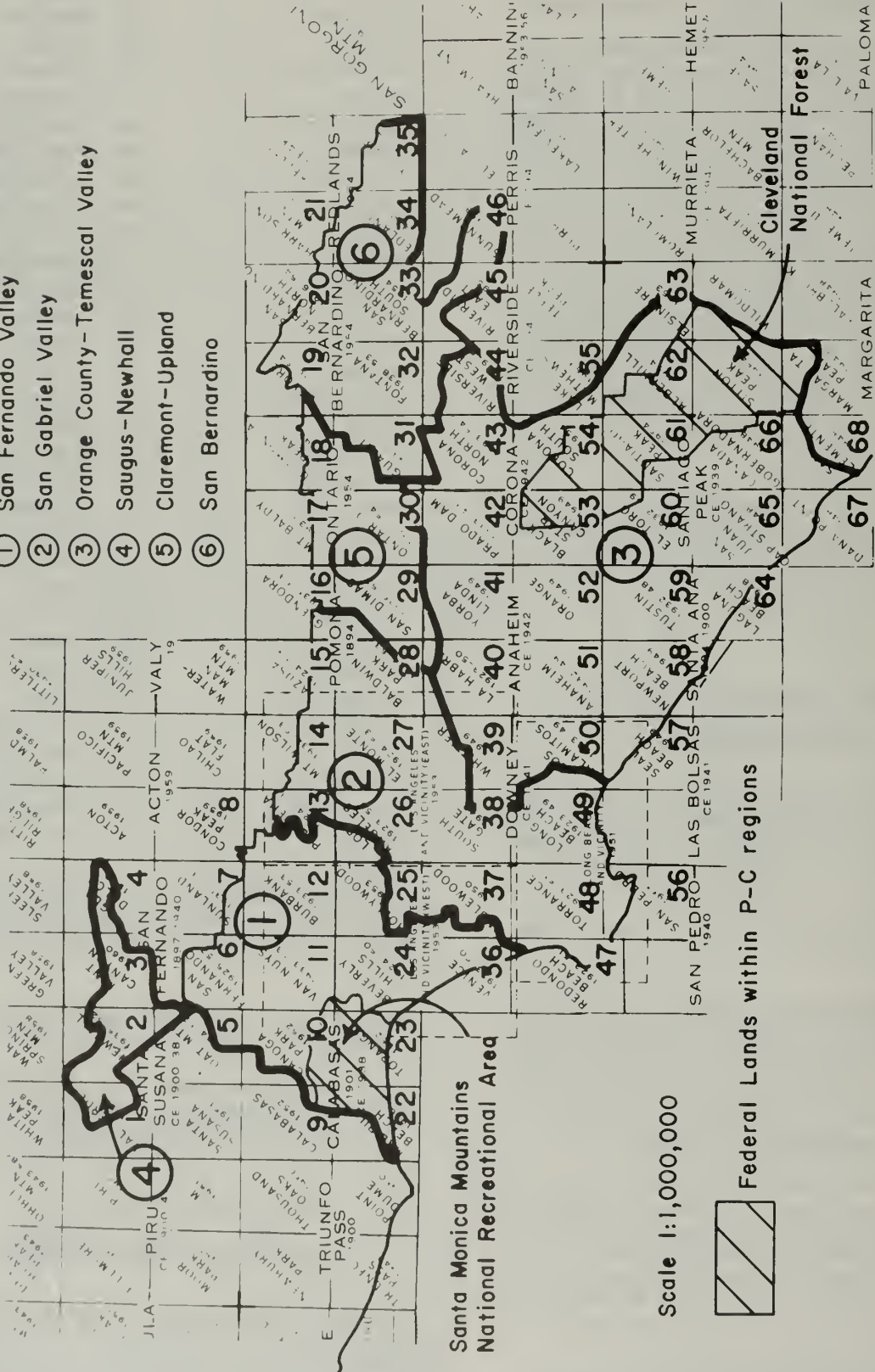


FIGURE 1.3 Index Map of U.S. Geological Survey quadrangles showing aggregate production-consumption regions of the Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area. (Quadrangles numbered according to List of Quadrangles, Table 1.2.)



5-year forecasts of aggregate needs are made on the basis of aggregate that was consumed during the years 1960-75. For purposes of this project, it is assumed that all aggregate used in a particular P-C region is also consumed within the P-C region. Consequently, aggregate consumption rates in a year, in the form of per capita consumption, are computed by relating the annual population to annual aggregate production for each P-C region.

## Aggregate Consumption Indicators

Relationships may exist between certain indicators and the amount of aggregate consumed in a P-C region through time. Indicators, such as the number of new residential and non-residential building permits issued, miles of new highway constructed, number of non-agricultural employees, and population were compared with aggregate production records. Simple regression analyses showed that population was the only factor to maintain a strong correlation with the amount of aggregate consumed in each of the P-C regions.

## Population and aggregate production data

The 18-year population record (1960-1977) was compiled for all of the P-C regions established within the project area. The actual population data for this period was obtained from vital statistics bulletins that have been published by county governments on a quarterly or an annual basis. These statistics were obtained in the form of county-wide census tract maps as shown in the example in Appendix B. Boundary lines for the P-C regions were then transferred to the census tract maps, and the populations of those tracts located within a common P-C region were totalled on a year by year basis. Annual aggregate production data for the years 1970-1975 were obtained from county records and others (1977).

Population projections for the years between 1979 and 2030 were made for each P-C region using data furnished by county governments, the State Department of Finance (1977), and the Southern California Association of Governments (1978).

## Per capita consumption of aggregate

Simple linear regression analyses of historical data were conducted to evaluate basic trends in the per capita consumption of aggregate. The projected per capita consumption rates of each P-C region were then related to respective regional population projections on a yearly basis to obtain the total aggregate needs of each P-C region to the year 2030.

Per capita consumption rates vary greatly among the different P-C regions of this study, apparently depending upon the degree of urban maturity reached by each. In the Los Angeles area, high per capita consumption rates are observed to be characteristic of P-C regions where overall population density is relatively low and where the rate of urban development is high. High consumption rates will probably be maintained in such P-C regions until urban maturity rates decline with the onset of urban maturity. As indicated by production and population records in the Los Angeles area, per capita consumption then usually decreases, eventually leveling off to a general maintenance level.

Population and dwelling unit densities were computed for the 1960-1976 base period in order (1) to relate and explain differences in per capita consumption rates among the six P-C regions and (2) to estimate when changes might occur in the current per capita consumption trends of urbanizing P-C regions (population statistics furnished by the counties also report the estimated number of dwelling units per census tract; Appendix B). The statistical compilation of dwelling units is limited to the years 1960, 1965, 1970, and 1976.

The acreage of each P-C region was determined by planimeter. Larger areas not suited for urban development, or set aside for other land uses, were excluded. Graphical curves depicting the 16-year records of population density, dwelling unit density, and per capita consumption of each P-C region were constructed for comparison purposes. Presentation of the above data appears in the appropriate P-C region evaluations that follow.

## REPORT SUMMARIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At the end of each P-C region report, findings are summarized and recommendations are made to the State Mining and Geology Board. The 50-year forecasts of aggregate needs of a P-C region are compared with aggregate resources estimated to be present and available within the P-C region. (Areas of aggregate "availability" are shown as sectors on Plate 2.3 of this report.) The possibility of utilizing resources from adjacent P-C regions and the potential of sources of alternative materials (e.g. crushed rock) is considered. These facts are brought together by CDMG to apprise the Mining and Geology Board of the options that are available to provide for future resource needs, and to enable the Board to develop alternative choices for designation to be considered by lead agencies. Final determination of the designated areas will be made by the Board after consultation with lead agencies.

## OVERVIEW OF AGGREGATES

### Uses

Sand, gravel, and crushed rock are included among mineral commodities classed as "Construction Materials." These commodities, collectively referred to as aggregates, provide bulk and strength to Portland cement concrete, asphaltic concrete, and plaster or stucco. Aggregates are also used as road base, sub-base, and fill. Aggregates normally provide from 80 to 100 percent of the material volume in the above uses.

### Economic Significance

Between 1971 and 1975 an average of 37 million tons of aggregate were produced and consumed each year in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area (Evans and others, 1977). This amounts to about one-third of California's average annual production over the same period.

Aggregate sells for an average of about two dollars per yard at the plant site after washing, sizing, and stockpiling. However, the plant site cost of aggregate constitutes only part of the value of final Portland cement concrete when delivered to the consumer. The remainder is the cost of handling, haulage charges,

mixing, and profit. Of these, haulage distance is the basic factor determining the cost of the final product at the delivery point. Therefore, it is advantageous to maintain nearby sources of aggregate.

The significance and value of aggregate as basic construction materials have multiplier effects. Aggregate is an essential part of the construction industry. Developers, building and freeway/road contractors, cement manufacturers, asphalt producers, carpenters, electricians, truck drivers, and mechanics, to name a few, depend directly or indirectly on the flow of aggregate. Therefore, the availability of aggregates and their proximity to the markets are critical factors in the strength of the economy. Hence, the aggregate industry has a disproportionately strong influence on the general economy of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Also to be considered are taxes, wages, royalties, and capital investments resulting from the aggregate industry in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. Total taxes paid by the industry in 1975 roughly amounted to between 10 and 12 million dollars; the total annual payroll was estimated to be 30 million dollars, royalty payments by aggregate producers to landowners amounted to roughly six million dollars, and capital investments were at least 150 million dollars (Evans and others, 1977).

## Development and Production

### Specifications

In past years the population centers in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area have been served from local deposits of high quality material from which aggregate could be obtained and utilized at relatively low costs. However, high quality deposits are rapidly being depleted and many of the potential sources already have been lost to irreversible land uses incompatible with mining, such as home developments.

Furthermore, all the remaining sand, gravel, and crushed rock sources in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area cannot be utilized in higher grade aggregate products, such as Portland cement concrete. Some deposits have been subjected to extreme weathering by groundwater or contain chemically reactive elements that make them unacceptable. Rarely is aggregate raw material at the pit or quarry site, even from the highest grade deposits, physically or chemically suited for every type of aggregate use. Therefore, every potential deposit must be tested to determine how large a tonnage of its various components can meet specifications for a particular type of use and what processing is required.

Specifications for various uses of aggregate material have been established by several agencies, such as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to ensure that aggregate is satisfactory for particular uses. These agencies, and other major consumers of concrete, test aggregate for acceptance by standard test procedures outlined by such organizations as the American Society for Testing Materials and the American Association of State Highway Officials.

Most aggregate specifications have been established to ensure the manufacture of strong, durable concrete that will withstand

the physical and chemical effects of weather and use. For example, specifications for concrete and base products prohibit the use of rock materials containing mineral substances such as gypsum, zeolite, pyrite, opal, chalcedony, chert, siliceous shale, volcanic glass, and some acidic volcanic rocks. Gypsum shortens the setting time of cement, pyrite dissociates to yield sulfuric acid and iron oxide stain, and the other substances contain silica in a form that reacts with alkali substances in cement.

Specifications also call for varying grain-size ranges and particle-size distributions in the various uses of aggregate. For some uses, such as asphalt paving, particle shape is specified. Caltrans Specification Standards (1975) requires that at least 25% weight of coarse aggregate ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch minus material retained on the No. 4 sieve) used as Class 2\* aggregate base material shall be crushed particles. Furthermore, aggregate material (scrings) used with bituminous binder to form sealing coats on pavement surfaces shall consist of at least 90 percent by weight of crushed particles. Crushed stone is preferable to natural gravel in asphaltic concrete because broken surfaces adhere to asphalt better than rounded surfaces, and the interlocking of angular particles strengthens the asphaltic concrete.

Aggregate for asphaltic concrete and Portland cement concrete generally meets the same physical and chemical requirements. In localities where only one type of aggregate is readily available, that type is ordinarily used in both types of concrete. Most crushed rock that is produced in the Los Angeles area for use in asphaltic concrete is obtained from alluvial deposits; most of the larger sand and gravel plants, oversize rock clumps (usually larger than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch diameter) are screened from alluvial raw material and crushed for sale as crushed stone.

### Production cost factors

Production costs include the cost of processing raw material for use as aggregate and also the ensuing costs when utilizing finished aggregate material in various final products (Portland cement concrete, asphaltic concrete, etc.). These costs can vary greatly, depending on the type of the deposit, character of the deposit, and end use of the finished aggregate.

### Utilization costs

The preferred use of one aggregate material over another in construction practices depends not only on specification standards, but also on economics. Alluvial sand and gravel is preferred to crushed stone for Portland cement concrete aggregate because the natural material is less expensive. Also, the rounded particles of alluvial sand and gravel result in a wet mix with better workability than with angular particles. The workability of a wet mix consisting of Portland cement with crushed rock aggregate is improved by adding more sand and water. However, this requires that more cement be added to the mix in order to maintain concrete durability standards. Normally, the additional cement amounts to about a quarter sack per yard of concrete, an additional cost of about \$0.75 per yard of mix.

\*Caltrans specifications for Class 2 aggregate includes: substance content, grain-size distribution, particle shape, and rock quality factors.

er geologic conditions where shortages of sand and gravel crushed rock is commonly used for Portland cement concrete aggregate instead of alluvial sand and gravel. Although more care is required in pouring and placing a wet mix contains crushed rock, Portland cement concrete made with aggregate is as satisfactory as that made with sand and of comparable rock quality; however, production costs are considerably greater and in regions such as the Los Angeles area haulage costs, truck traffic, and fuel consumption result.

## SUMMARY

Aggregates are an essential material to the construction industry and therefore hold great importance to the economy of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. Increases in the cost of supplying aggregate materials and products made with aggregate, such as transportation and processing costs, have a multiplier effect. Therefore, it is essential that nearby sources of high quality aggregate be protected against loss through careful land use planning.

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